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I think according to the official tally we still have 25 or 26 people.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well, I have two retirement system bills. I think we could pass in about five minutes. I feel they are noncontroversial and I'd sure like to get them through.

PRESIDENT: Well, let's see what happens here. Senator Carpenter, do you have input?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Just a suggestion. Why don't we take them up, adopt the amendments, if we don't have the 25 votes leave it there and then we can move them Monday on both the bills.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Whitney, what are the two numbers please?

SENATOR WHITNEY: 423 and 516.

PRESIDENT: Okay, let's move to the General File consideration of LB 423, Senator Whitney's bill. Clerk will read the title.

CLERK: Reads title of LB 423. There are committee amendments by Senator Whitney's retirement committee.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: I move the adoption of the committee amendments. Now I'd like to just adopt the committee amendments and then explain the bill as a whole including those amendments.

PRESIDENT: Question is, shall the committee amendments be adopted? All those in favor say aye, those opposed say no. Committee amendments are adopted. Back to you, Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Now I move the bill LB 423 be advanced. It simply gives authority to the state colleges and the technical community colleges to provide group life insurance, group hospitalization insurance and other types of fringe benefits for their employees similar to those already adopted by the University of Nebraska. Also the technical community college board is given power to provide a retirement system for its employees, similar to that of the University of Nebraska and state colleges. The bill also provides that there can be no change in the type of investment of retirement funds without consent of the university and college boards. And these committee amendments simply give the technical colleges the right to have a group life and hospital and disability insurance same as the University of Nebraska and it keeps the old matter in the bill with reference to the contribution of the State to the retirement program which already is included in the Governor's budget and it takes out a little obsolete language and that's it. I move the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the bill? Question is, shall LB 423 as amended with the committee amendments be advanced from General File to E & R Initial? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Question is, shall LB 423 be advanced from General File to E & R Initial? I suppose this is the real test. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, no nays, Mr. President, on a motion to advance.

PRESIDENT: 423 is advanced. That brings up LB 516. Clerk will read the title.

CLERK: Reads title of LB 516. There are committee amendments, Mr. President, by Senator Whitney's retirement committee, there are further amendments but not to the committee amendments.